



## Emmitt Joe Keller

May 1, 2007 - December 8, 2019

Emmitt Joe Keller, 12, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019 in his mother's arms at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake, Washington, after a brief but serious illness. "Emmers" was born May 1, 2007 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, Washington. Emmitt, who unfortunately spent time in many hospitals in his 12 years, due to a genetic disorder and various medical conditions and physical limitations, is now whole. He was diagnosed with deletion 1p36 at the age of one-and a half. He attended many schools in his younger years before moving to Ephrata. Most notably the Holly Ridge Center, a birth-to-3 program in Bremerton, Washington. Emmitt's family moved to Ephrata in 2013. Emmitt attended Grant Elementary from 2013 until this school year, in the Life Skills classroom. He made friends with the children and touched the hearts of the staff. This year Emmitt began attending high school in the special needs room where he also received much caring attention. He was warm and loving, always ready to "snuggle." He enjoyed rolling in the grass, and watching sunlight filter through the leaves, Emmitt had a love of water all his life. He enjoyed listening to music and having his feet rubbed. He benefited from physical, occupational, speech and vision therapies both through the school district and privately. Most notably from O'hana Physical Therapy in Wenatchee, Wash. Emmitt attended an Easterseals respite camp the last two summers of his life and again in November of this year. He is survived by his parents, Josie and David Scott of Ephrata and Harley Keller of Wenatchee; his older brother Dalton; DJ

Keller and little sister Domino Scott, both of Ephrata; his grandparents Coulee and Barbie Sheets of Peshastin, Wash.; grandfather Joe Keller of Wenatchee; and grandparents Pamela and Mark Di Vitto of Ritzville, Wash.; as well as many other family members.

A service will be held at Nicoles Funeral Home in Ephrata, on Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow. Emmitt's family asks that in lieu of flowers, people make a donation to Easterseals Camp Stand By Me, in Vaughn, Washington. Mail to: Easterseals Washington, Attn: Online Giving Coordinator, 200 W Mercer St Ste. 210E, Seattle, WA 98119. He will forever be in our hearts! Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Washington.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home  
157 C St. N.W.  
Ephrata, WA 98823  
(509) 754-3420  
[bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com](mailto:bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I was lucky enough to work with Emmitt the last few years. He was an amazing bright young boy. He had such a bright contagious smile. I have lots of memories of Emmitt but one big one was the joy and smile on his face the first time we put him on our new wheel chair swing at school, he had the biggest brightest smile. The joy we all saw was amazing. Emmitt will truly be missed and always in our thoughts. ❤️

---

**Amber** - December 17, 2019 at 11:51 PM

 Juanita Dehart

“ I was so honored to meet Emmitt. I am so sorry for you loss.

---

**Juanita Dehart** - December 17, 2019 at 07:03 PM

AL

“ Emmitt was in an amazing, lovable, snugly bug. He always put a smile in my heart every time I seen him I will miss being able to snuggle him but I know he is the happiest hes ever been right now and he is running the streets of gold.

---

**Aunt luci** - December 16, 2019 at 06:19 PM